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MEMORANDUM FOR: COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Attention: Mr. W. W. Higgins, Chief,
Investigation Section

SUBJECT: General Nicolas RADESCU

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ORADESCU, (General)
Nicolas
Immigration & Naturalization

1. The following information is submitted in connection with your memorandum of 12 July 1948, File Number A-7057911.

2. Subject's name has been linked with that of Nicolae MALAXA, Rumanian industrialist now in the United States, who engaged successively in close financial and business relations with King Carol II, the Iron Guard, the German National Socialists, and the Rumanian Communists. Information coming from fairly reliable sources indicates that MALAXA has used subject as the instrument for the distribution of large sums of money abroad, chiefly in the form of so-called scholarships to Rumanians in France. Most of the recipients of these subsidies have been Legionnaires (Iron Guardists). Baron NICULESCU, nephew and secretary of subject, is reliably reported to have stated, in the spring of 1948, upon his arrival in Paris from New York, that the large sum of American dollars which he brought with him had been given to subject by MALAXA. When reproached by certain Rumanians in Paris who distrust MALAXA's purposes, NICULESCU asserted that subject was not under obligation to MALAXA.

3. There have been constantly recurring reports of attempts by Iron Guard groups in South America to establish ties with subject. One such report late in 1948, from a reliable source, stated that Mihai PATRICU was on a mission to subject on behalf of the Iron Guardists in Argentina. Radu GHENEA, former Iron Guard Rumanian Minister to Madrid, whose position in Argentina is said to be very strong, is reported to have said that subject has full confidence in him and makes use of this in his relations with the Argentine authorities. It has been reliably stated that large numbers of Iron Guardists in Europe have been brought into Argentina through GHENEA's influence with immigration authorities in that country.

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